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Case Docket No. 8409

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): John C. Molander, et al. Confirmation No. 6142

Serial No.: 09/773,241 Group Art Unit: 3765

Date Filed: January 31, 2001 Examiner: A.J. Grayson

Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH TENSION-DIVIDING SIDE PANELS

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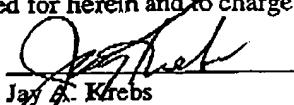
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